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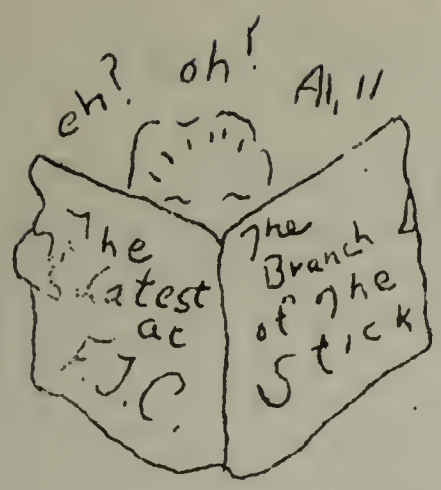

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SAXIFRAGE

JOHN APONE GIVEN FAREWELL PARTY

John Apone, a member of the Junior class, was given a farewell party Wednesday night at the Old Oyster Bar by fellow members of the Mohawk Club. John left us last Friday to enter the Armed Services.

For the past three years, he has been very active in all activities here at school and always willing to help make things a success. He was a member of the basketball team for the past two years.

The Junior class, especially, will miss him as he started with that class and has been with them ever since.

Lots of luck, John, and all of us hope that you will be back with us soon.

CLASS OFFICERS

On Monday March 25 the junior , sophomore, and freshman classes elected their officers for next year. The officers who will lead the nior class are: President, Eleanor Fusco; Vice-president, Kay Morrilly; Secretary, Ann Harrington; Treasurer, Steve O'Horo. The sophomore officers are:(Cont'd on page 7.)

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Time is getting short. Get your money in now for your 1946 Saxifrage. You only have two days. Collections will be made in the lobby of the Administration Building every noon by Priscilla Morley, but you must hurry, for the last day of collections will be Wednesday, April 3, 1946.

The "Saxifrage" is going to the publishers Friday April 5th. That is why it is urgent that everyone who wishes a year book is asked to bring his money on, or before Wednesday. The number of books to be ordered must be known before Friday, for the exact number of books to be ordered must be given to the publisher on that day. No extra copies will be ordered, nor will extra books be printed.

In the interview for this article, Arthur Russell stated, "If anyone desires candid photographs to be published in the year book, please give the prints to Bert Giard."

The "Saxifrage", this year, will consist of 68 pages. The price is $3.00. Twenty pages are given over to senior pictures and write-ups. The rest of the book will consist of pictures of underclasses, pictures of organizations, and clubs. There will also be a section of candid photo-(Cont'd on page 7.)

The Twig

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EDITORIAL

SO YOU WANT A "TWIG" WEEKLY!

Your school newspaper "The Twig" has been published with the help of but very few students who work feverishly and unselfishly each week. There is much work to be done in producing this weekly paper and therefore, we need the cooperation of the entire student body to give us any material that would seem important in what's going on around the school and only in this way can the newspaper be given out on time.

Since the spring fever caught up with most students, little thought is given to passing assignments in on time and we now find it necessary to postpone the delivery date of the paper a little later each week. Our intention at the beginning was to publish a paper so that it would be in the mail boxes every Friday. However, we now find it necessary to give it on Monday and if news doesn't come in any faster, we will have to extend that date also.

All assignments for "The Twig" must be passed in not later than Wednesday noon each week. Whatever material passed in after that time will be published possibly in the following issue.

And so, the only way in which our college paper can be a complete success is with the full cooperation of the entire student body. Give whatever news you have to any of our reporters and we feel sure that "The Twig" will come out on time.

Faculty Performs In Style

With Mr. Elliot as Master of Ceremonies, the members of the faculty came out in true "Hollywood" style at the assembly held Tuesday morning.

With Messrs. Healy, Hammond, Clark, and Burns forming a "Barbershop Quintet," the student body went into a roar that never seceded until the end of the program. Dressed in vests of white, the quartet "gave" all they had to "Mandy Lee", "Sweet Adeline", and "Love Me and The World Is Mine." In keeping with the musical tone of the program, Mr. Healy and Mr. Clark presented solos of the familiar type which were heard resounding in the corridors.

A skit, "The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter", was hilarious in both character and theme. Miss Conlon, garbed in a "stormy sea slicker", portrayed the role of the young daughter who carried in her possession at all times, a book entitled "Romance". (Fortunate for us, there were no dramatic scouts in the audience.) Miss McCarty, the mother, enlivened the cast with her many trips around the lighthouse. It was a hard climb! To add to the comedy, Mr. Sullivan, the lighthouse keeper, and Mr. Weston, the villain were both in there playing their parts well. With his medical knowledge (psychologically), Mr. Donoghue applied the healer which ended in capturing the heart of the young and innocent daughter. Miss Nixon acted as narrator for the performance

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INQUIRING REPORTER

QUESTION:

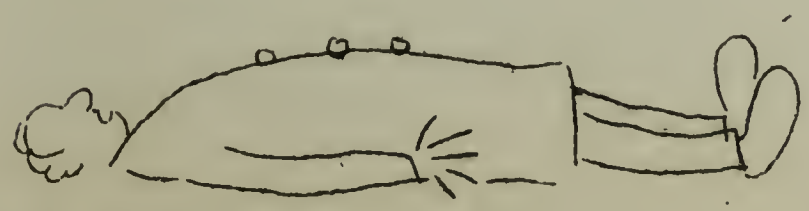
Does Outside Employment Affect The Scholastic Efficiency of Students?

Okey O'Connor: "It all depends upon the person. Some students are able to maintain their scholastic standards and some can't. If a person can go to college without working hisway, I would say do it. How long have I worked in the dining room? I'm a junior; this is my third year of grappling with dishes and trays."

Loraine Morris: "No, it does not. I have worked for three years and have benefited both materially and osocially from this employment. I think a person who has worked his way through college appreciates his education a lot more!" Ed. Note: That's really talking around the questions---Harvey Girl!"

Dottie Mathews: "It depends on the hours a person works. If a person budgets his time, he should be able to keep his marks up to a creditable standard. Personally, I wouldn't care to work myself and try to get an education."

The Phantom (Anonymous): "A lot might be said on the subject. Much depends upon the calibre of the student himself, earnestness in getting an education. The proverb-- 'There's no one as dangerous as an ambitious man' might be modified to read 'there's no stopping an ambitious student'. Scholastic standards can be and are being maintained while students undertake extra curricular employment. Some of our finest scholars have been forced to divide their time between flipping the pages of math and history books and flipping flap-jacks and eggs sunny side up. However, it takes a mighty good man! Yes, you may emphasize that last statement---A mighty good man!"



ASH TRAY

"The Twig", in particular this column, received a plug from that obnoxious little character, "Horace", the other morning. This feeble excuse for entertainment, who crawls out of the wood work each morning, played for us the song "Onesy, Twosey", said song being among my pet hates. I don't like the "Three Little Fishes" either so he can try digging that one up. He may get lost in a pile of old records and that would make my mornings more pleasant...

Most of the faculty dislike having students walk into their classes five or ten minutes late. Sometimes a legitimate excuse is in order; at other times we have wanted to finish that coke or cigarette. However, often we are late because the instructor in the preceding class has kept us. If the clocks that are found high on the walls in the various classrooms throughout the Admin. Building were running, classes. could begin and end on time.

QUOTES FROM HITHER AND YON

"Skinny, why if he had one eye, he'd look like a needle."

"Yipe!!! These proofs don't look like me." Any Senior

"Nylons are back but whose got them."

Bright New Cigarettes to:

The Faculty for the excellent assembly of Tuesday last.

The Mohawks for a well-prepared Open House.

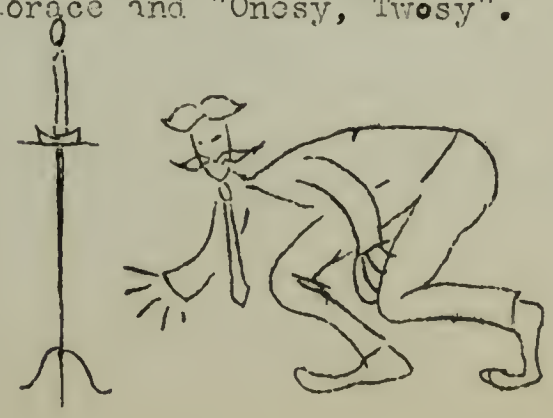
The Gavs and Mohawks for the excellent show of spirit at the basketball game.

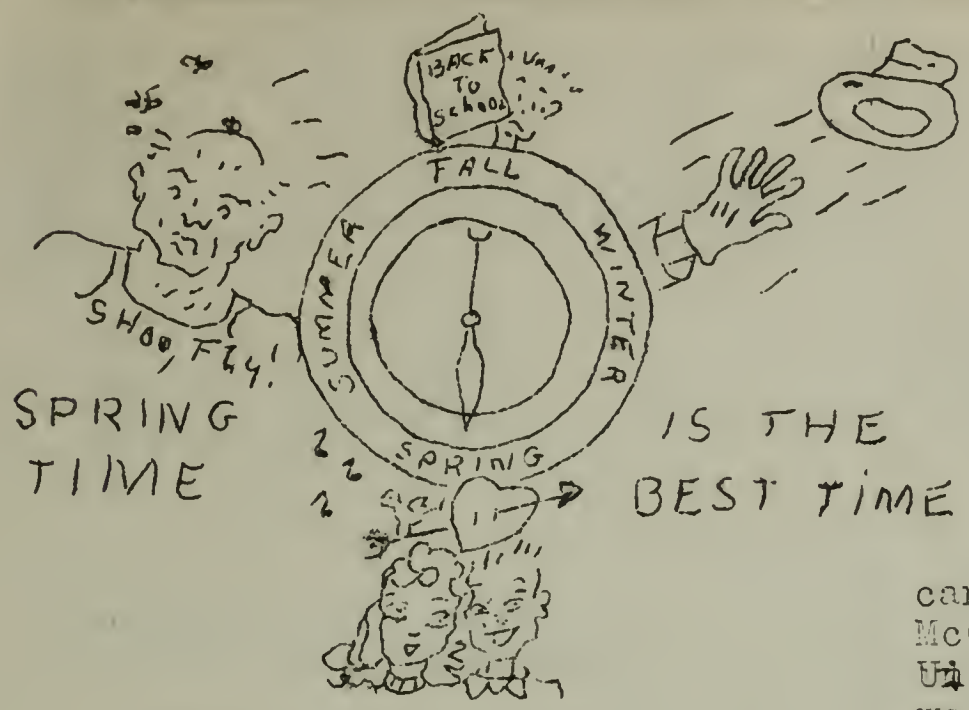
Cigarette Butts to:

The Student body for not turning out for the Open House.

The inventor of Beanies.

Horace and "Onesy, Twosy".





Campus Chatter

Anyone at the Gav-Mohawk Basketball game last Monday couldn't help but notice that the cheering was quite evenly distributed for the two teams although the hard fighting Gavs had to suffer the defeat. There were times when the Gavs were given much more cheering. Shows where the "personality" of the school is.

Most popular saying at the dining hall during meal times:-- "We haven't got any more."

Rod Frye, committed to a term in the national Boy Scouts (U.S. Army) by his neighbors, has been going around Palmer Hall this week with a gun and canteen strapped to his side to get in the mood.

Could it be true that S.Hanley and Art Guertin have formed a twilight walking club? If it is, then Loraine Morris and Joe Bloom would like to join.

Fast turning big whool Joe Riley, who directed F.T.C.'s first sing out, let his dislike for the Lone Star State get the better of him when he refused a request by Joan "The Body" Jarvis for the 'clap clap' song --- "Deep in the Heart of Texas."

The Art Club is noted for discovering hidden talent, but Mary McNamara seems intent on keeping hers well concealed--- in the bottom drawer of the third desk on the left. Mac will no doubt call it the "Unfinished Oil", and will be known as the Schubert of Art. How about it, Mac?

At one time during the American Civil War, Gen. George B. McClellan, then in command of the Union forces, was conducting a waiting campaign; and so careful was he to avoid mistakes that little headway was evident. President Lincoln thereupon wrote him a letter;

"My dear McClellan: If you don't want to use the Army, I should like to borrow it for a while. Yours respectfully,

A.Lincoln

Perhaps Webster defines a gentleman as a man of refined manners, but the members of the Student Forum who took the jaunt to Chicopee have other ideas. They think a gentleman is one who will give a car a push when he sees five of the weaker sex, namely, Miss Cuningham, Jeanette Smith, Mary Truland, Agnes McDermott, and Ruth Baker, attempting to push a car while Dave Scanlon vainly tries to start the car.

You see, Joe Gavoni very graciously allowed the Forum to use his car for the trip. And no one can say that Joe didn't warn them that the car had the "shimmies". The car was very temperamental on the way to the Elms, but behaved quite wellon the way home to Joe, only stopping about three times.

A date with a modern girl is an open and shut case; she's always eating.

SPORTS

MAA WAA

Gavoleers Lose to Mohawks After Tough Battle

The Mohawks added another scalp to their long string of victories in the annual basketball game between the Mohawk Club and the Gavoleer Society, Monday, March 25th in the college gym.

A large crowd was on hand to watch the encounter which had been anticipated for several weeks. The game got underway with a closely fought first period. The period end with the Gaveleers holding a one point lead. The game was "nip and tuck" through to the end of the first half with both teams battling for points. The Gavs held up under the terrific pace only to fade in the last few seconds of the second period.

The Mohawks, forced to keep their power packed second team on the floor by the closeness of the score, slowly but surely pulled away in third period. At the end of the third period they were out in front 39 to 19. But even then coach Riley, admiring the pluck and fortitude shown by some of the Gav stars, kept such hot hoopsters as Miller, White, and Scott in the lineup.

The Gav starting five, really tired in the first few minutes of the final period, completely lost control of the situation, going down to defeat 49 to 23. Yes, the Gavs lost, but one could not help but admire the spirit in which they entered into the fray.

The Hawks played a spirited game and gained the admiration of the entire Gav five. Their fine playing was evidenced by the entire student body.

Without a doubt, one can venture

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FRESHMEN WIN INTERCLASS VOLLEY GAMES

Last Tuesday afternoon, March 26, the freshmen girl volley ball team defeated the junior-senior team 70 to 25 in the first game. Beverly White was high scorer for the winners with 25 points, and Kay Morrilly for the losers with 11 points. Lineups are as follows: Freshmen; B. White, B. Cousins, E. Driscoll, B. Erickson C. Dubie, D. Matthews, P. Gibbons, cap't., M. Whitney. Substitutes were G. Hanley, J. Jarvis. Junior-Senior lineup; G. Marshall, H. Peck, P.Merly C. O'Connell, M. Piermarini, K.Bourgeois, K. Morrilly, cap't., R.Baker, Substitutes were M.J. O'Connor and G. Merrick.

Referee for this game was Anne Driscoll; umpire, Claire Verse.

In the second game, the freshmen team defeated the sophomore team with a score of 42 to 24. Beverly White was high scorer for the freshmen with nine points and Mary Bickford for the losers with six points. Line up for this game were as follows: freshmen, same lineup as in the first game above. For the sophomores, C. Verse, P.Connors B. Wright, M. Bickford, A. Driscoll, C. Farrar, J. Metzler, A. Whitney, cap't., M. Beaudoin. Substitutes were J. Cloughorty and B. McGuirk.

Referree for this game was Charlotte Drury. Both games were timed by Peggy Ryan, Fran Tracy, Irene Carroll, and Theresa Carchidi. D. Brooks and M. Stone were linesmen.

Gav-Mohawk Game - Cont'd.

to say next year's Gaveleer-Mohawk game will be a must on the college calendar.

Erie Scott led the scoring for the Mohawks and accounted for 18 of their points. Tom Cairney scored 14 of the Gaveleer's points.

Warren (Pat) Rooney, formerly of the class of 1945, and recently discharged from the service, served as referee along with James Gray of the freshmen class. The scorers and timers for the game were Stanley Potts and Norman Frye.

Box Score

Mohawks

Pos.	Name	Goals	Fouls	Total
L.F.	Morris	0	0	0
	O'Horo	0	0	0
	Miller	1	3	5
R.F.	Stone	3	0	6
	Scott	8	2	18
	Graham	0	0	0
	Boy	0	0	0
	Tracey	1	0	2
C.	Sullivan	1	0	2
	White	5	0	10
L.G.	Martin	0	0	0
	Hansen	0	1	1
R.G.	Cappozza	0	0	0
	Riley	2	1	5

Gaveleers

L.F.	Lane	2	0	4
	Hirtle	0	0	0
R.F.	Cairney	7	0	14
C.	Cook	0	0	0
L.G.	Gearan	1	0	2
	Ahern	0	0	0
	Johnson	0	0	0
R.G.	Delaney	1	1	5

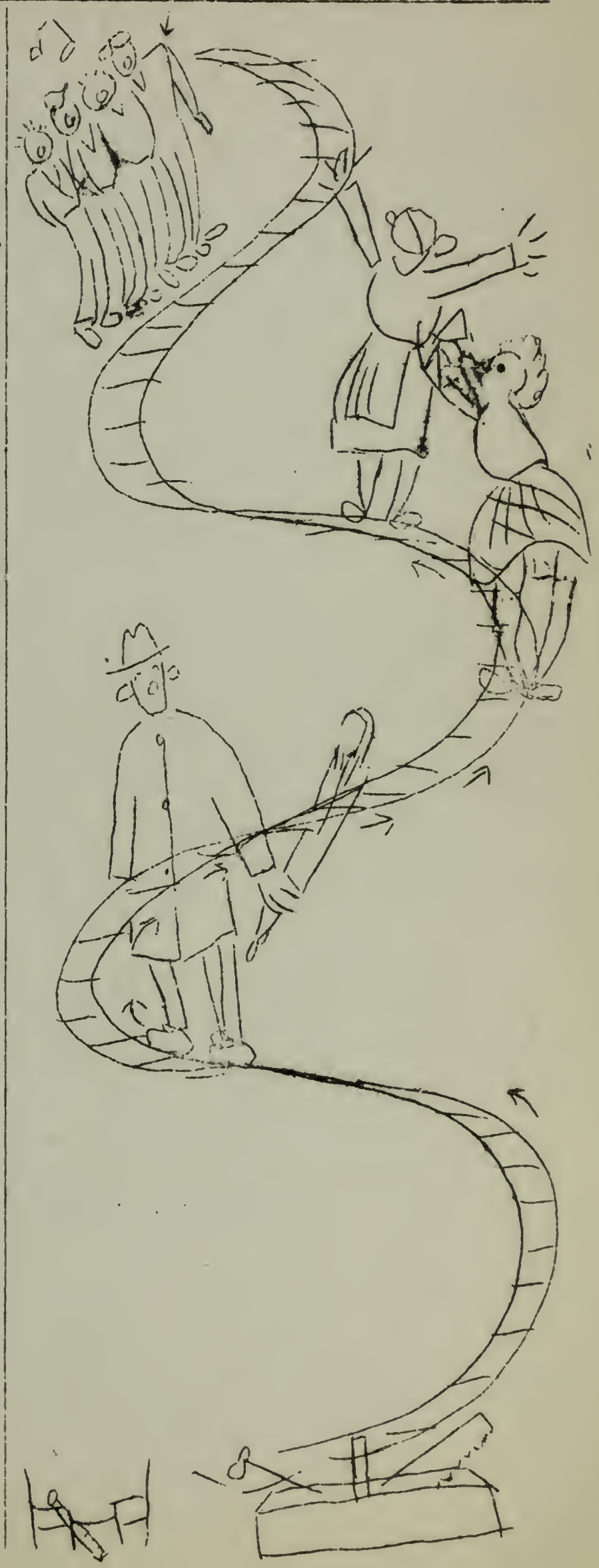
Score By Periods

Mohawks	7	15	26	49
Gaveleers	8	14	18	23

Faculty Assembly - Cont'd.

and did a grand job of waiting for the characters to finish their comical antics.

We would like more of them.



Class Officers cont.

President, Kenny Bockus; Vice-president, Julie Clougherty; Secretary, Mary Bickford; Treasurer, Peggy Ryan. The Freshman Officers are: President, James Gray; Vice-President, Bev. Cousins Secretary, Ellen Bonitz; Treasurer, Carl Peterson.

SAXIFRAGE cont.

graphs, and another for advertisement.

The Saxifrage will come out on May 31. It will be given at a Saxifrage dance to be held on that date. So if you wish a year book, be sure to bring your money on, or before Wednesday April 3, 1946.

Student Council

The complete Student Council who will begin office on April 2, 1946 is as follows:

President: Helen Stocking
Vice-President: Mary Fiermarini
Secretary: Margaret Wheatly
Treasurer: Richard White

Senior Representative:
Helen Peck
Junior Representative:
Betty Wright and Bob Gaudet
Sophomore Representative:
Margaret Gibbons and Joe Sylvestro

Student Forum

The Student Forum had a debate Thurs. evening at Our Lady of the Elms College at Chicopee, Mass. Fitchburg Teachers College upheld the affirmative side of the question and Our Lady of the Elms upheld the negative side.

MOHAWK

At their regular Monday night meeting of last week the Mohawk Tribe held initiation ceremonies for two new honorary members. The two new members of the tribe are Dr. William J. Sanders, President of the college, and Mr. George J. Gallagher our janitor. Dr. Sanders was chosen because of his interest and help in the reactivation of the club, and Mr. Gallagher because his friendship and cooperation in time of need has endeared him in the hearts of Mohawks for many years past. The two new Braves were installed in an impressive ritual by Chief Riley while the Tribe was gathered around the Pow-Wow fire.

Both men join the long list of faculty members and employees of the college who are honorary members of the Mohawk Tribe. Honorary Mohawks on the current faculty include Mr. Harrington, who served as faculty adviser in activating the Tribe in 1924 and who is currently serving as a co-sponsor, Dean Weston co-sponsor, Dean Anthony, Mr. Conlon, and Mr. Glennon who is serving as a co-sponsor.

At the conclusion of their regular business meeting Monday night, the Tribe had as a guest speaker Mr. Randall. Mr. Randall who is an ardent fishing enthusiast gave a talk on fishing tackle and on fishing in general. Mr. Randall had quite an interesting exhibit of "flies", and told many and interesting and amusing story in connection with each of them. He also gave a demonstration of casting which he can perform with considerable skill. At the conclusion of his talk a question period was held in which Mr. Randall settled the problems of the would be Issac Walton's.